

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 26-10-10  
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Grahame House

MAGI #1650262411

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/10/10 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: (M assigned 11/86) Map 15  
West Montgomery Ave. H.D. F-13

4. Address: 107 North Adams Street, Rockville

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>unoccupied</u>		<u>1974 Rockville Historic District Comm.</u>
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State X County X Local X</u>
Present use	<u>unoccupied</u>		

6. Date: 1846-1847

7. Original Owner: John Brewer

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. deteriorated b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This square frame house is composed of two rectangular gable roofed sections whose ridgelines run perpendicular to one another. The house is sheathed in wood lap siding painted white.

The original section is now the rear, or east block. It is 2½ stories high with a fieldstone and brick basement. It is two bays by three bays and has brick interior end chimneys on the north and south gable ends and a slightly pitched gable roof. The two 2½ story, four bay by one bay front (west) block also has a gable roof, although it is more steeply pitched. On the front facade is a three bay gable-roofed full height entrance portico with square Roman Doric columns.

10. Significance: This house is believed to be the only Greek Revival style structure in Rockville. The house is located on Lot 80 of the original Town of Rockville, platted in 1803. In 1846 John Brewer purchased Lot 80 and 5 other lots. He built the house and then sold Lot 80 the next year. In 1849 merchant and tavernkeeper John Braddock, Jr. bought it. After his death c. 1856, it changed hands three times before being bought by Mary Dodd in 1884. Mary Dodd already owned considerable real estate in Rockville, including the adjoining house (101 North Adams). She gave the property to her niece Clara, who installed indoor water and plumbing, and added a three sided bay and porch on the south, then renting it out. The house was bought by J. Darby Bowman and his wife in 1923; they lived there until 1954. It was then sold to Arthur Grahame, and after his death in 1977 to the present owners.

11. Researcher and date researched: Anne W. Cissel-9/79

Eileen McGuckian  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval

15. Acreage: ¼ acre

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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West Montgomery Ave. HD  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Grahame House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

107 North Adams Street

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

\_\_\_OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: unoccupied

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walker, Walker, and Metro

Telephone #: 770-3880

STREET & NUMBER

121 Congressional Lane

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 20852

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5079

Folio #: 385

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Historical Sites Inventory & Rockville Historic District

DATE

1976

\_\_\_FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

Commission

1974

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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The original section is now the rear, or east block. It is 2½ stories in height with a fieldstone and brick basement underneath, 2-bays by 3-bays, brick interior end chimneys on the north and south facades, and a gently pitched gable roof. Windows in this block are six-over-six double-hung (the majority with original glass) flanked by narrow trim and green louvered shutters. There is a one-story flat-roofed screened porch on the south facade; this has doors at both the east and west ends. There is a small one-story addition on the northeast corner; it has wide beaded siding and a cinderblock foundation.

The two-and-a-half story, four-bay by one-bay front (west) block also has a gable roof, although it is more steeply pitched and the cornice is returned. The low foundation is of fieldstone and brick, and is parged. The windows on the front are one-over-one double-hung, and the two south bays are accentuated with wainscoting below. The windows in the front block have a wider trim than those in the rear. The north facade has a few small windows asymmetrically placed. There is a one-story flat-roofed mitred bay on the southwest corner which runs into the side porch, both of which were added in the early 1900s.

On the front (west) facade is a three-bay gable-roofed full height entrance portico with square Roman Doric columns. Both the entrance door and the door directly above it to the porch are glass and wood paneled.

The overgrown yard contains mature trees and plantings, a small board and batten garage, deteriorating picket fencing, and a front brick sidewalk at the street.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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Following Clara's death in 1916, the property was described as Land improved by an 8-room frame dwelling and other buildings, ... was a few years ago remodeled to considerable expense, over \$1,700...with modern conveniences such as water bath, etc."<sup>8</sup>

The seller stated that the property was now rented but that repairs and insurance made its income small. The house was sold to Porter Ward at public auction for \$4,050,<sup>9</sup> and was resold in 1923 to J. Darby Bowman and his wife,<sup>10</sup> The house was occupied by the Bowmans until 1954, when it was sold to Arthur Grahame.<sup>11</sup> The present owners purchased the property in 1977 following Grahame's death.

FOOTNOTES:

8. Montgomery County Equity Records, Case #3555, Judgment PBP 22/409.
9. Land Records, op. cit., 288/72 (1919).
10. Ibid., 340/272 (Oct. 28, 1923).
11. Ibid., 1971/537 (Sept. 16, 1954).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Equity Records of Montgomery County, Maryland  
 Maps: Martenet and Bond (1865); Hopkins Atlas (1879)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-quarter acre

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lot 80, Original Town of Rockville  
 (as per Liber 188, Land Records)

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Anne W. Cissel

Eileen McGuckian - Architectural  
Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

9/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Hickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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